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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Mathias GEHRMANN *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1644
Application No.: 08/989,896) Examiner: D. Saunders
Filed: December 12, 1997)
For: *Fusion Proteins for Prodrug*)
Activation)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants now reply to the Office Action dated January 22, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months to July 22, 2002 by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, as follows:

1. A compound comprising two or more antigen binding regions linked to at least one prodrug-activating enzyme, wherein
- a) the antigen binding regions consist of a single polypeptide chain;
 - b) the single polypeptide chain is comprised of a first variable domain, a second variable domain, and a polypeptide linker connecting the first variable domain and the second variable domain;

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